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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -----X IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER LOWER 21 MC 102 (AKH) MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE LITIGATION 07-CV-01601-AKH RUTH DIAZ, NOTICE OF ADOPTION Plaintiff, OF ANSWER TO MASTER COMPLAINT - against -BY MERRILL LYNCH 80 LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATES, LLC, et al., **ELECTRONICALLY FILED** Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("Merrill Lynch"), as and for its responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) Related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts Merrill Lynch's Answer to Master Complaint, dated August 3, 2007, which was filed in the matter of In re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

WHEREFORE, Merrill Lynch demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York June 26, 2008

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